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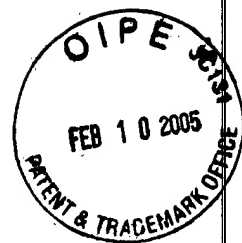
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert Charles Downs

Application No.: 09/810,020

Filed: March 16, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING MULTIPLE PROCESSING
STEPS ON A SAMPLE IN A SINGLE
VESSEL

Examiner: Kailash C. Srivastava

Art Unit: 1651

Interview Summary

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant provides herewith the following interview summary to be made of record in the above-identified case in response to Form PTOL-413, which is dated October 26, 2004 according to a corresponding entry in the PAIR system. Applicant notes that a copy of the aforementioned Form PTOL-413 was not received via the mail. The substance of the interview was as follows:

Participants: Kailash C. Srivastava (Examiner) and Christopher Sappenfield (Attorney)

Date of Interview: October 26, 2004

Interview Type: Telephonic

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Not applicable.

Claims discussed: Claims 1-31.

Art discussed: U.S. Pat. 6,197,517 to Roberts in view of WO 97/15588 by Rudenko et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims discussed: Agreement was reached as to the allowability of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 12, and 14-28.

Identification of principal proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed: Discussed a clarifying amendment to claim 21 and changing the dependencies of claims 14 and 26-28.

General thrust of the applicant's principal arguments: The art discussed, whether viewed

individually or in combination, does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1.

General indication of any other pertinent matters discussed: Not applicable.

General results or outcome of the interview: As provided in the aforementioned Form PTOL-413, it was agreed that the Examiner would enter an Examiner's Amendment canceling claims 1-31 and replacing those canceled claims with amended claims 59-79.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the helpful interview. If the Examiner believes an additional telephone conference would be helpful, please telephone the undersigned at 510-769-3520.

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